

hall is not exposed to great injury, and even destruction, from hanging where it does; and also whether it is not expedient and practicable to remove it to some other situation within this hall.

Mr. Nicols, from the committee on the colored population, delivered the following report:

The committee on the colored population to whom was referred, "A supplement to the act entitled, an act relating to free negroes and slaves, passed December session, 1831, chapter 323, report that they have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to refer said bill to the committee on grievances and courts of Justice."

Which was read the first and second time by special order, and concurred in.

Mr. Merrick submitted the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, by a resolution of this General Assembly passed on the 14th of March last, the Adjutant General of this State was required to strike from his records the names of all such officers of the militia of this State, as should not in obedience to a notice directed by the same resolution publicly to be given, report themselves to his department on or before the first day of November then next; and,

Whereas, a great number of useful and valuable officers have been in consequence of said resolution, stricken from the rolls because of a failure on their part from inadvertance, to report themselves as required.

*Be it therefore resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* that the aforesaid resolution passed on the 14th of March, 1832, be and the same is hereby suspended in its operation for the period of four months, so far as relates to the removal from commission of such officers as may not have reported themselves agreeably to the requirements of that resolution, and that all the said officers be allowed until the 1st day of July next to report themselves as required by said resolution.

Resolved, That the Adjutant General be, and he is hereby directed to give public notice in such papers in this State as he may think most likely to convey general information to all officers heretofore holding militia commissions, of this further extension of the time for them to report themselves to his department.

Which was read.

And, on motion by Mr. Ely, referred to the committee on the militia.